

Control Over Price Of Tin To Aid Foreign Nations Has Canned Food Cost Up

NEW YORK, July 15 (AP)—Credit part of the money you spend for canned goods to the dollar crisis abroad and Uncle Sam's good will policy.

Americans are spending a about \$65 million a year for tin to coat their cans of fruit, vegetables and beer. Tin might cost considerably less if the law of supply and demand were allowed to operate.

But the price of tin is being held at \$1.03 a pound in spite of growing surplus. It's part of our aid to dole-out Britain, which controls a third of the world tin output, and our good-neighbor policy towards Bolivia, another chief tin source.

From the American-British fiscal parity in London comes word that we have promised to speed up buying of strategic minerals for our government stockpile—that means dollars for Britain and security for us in time of war.

With the new food packing season at hand, the price of tin is up for much debate among American

businessmen particularly since most other metal prices have skidded this year, and the world now mines more tin than it uses.

The U. S. government buys all the tin we use from the British, the Bolivians and the Dutch. Britain sets the price by what it pays the Malayan mines, and our agreement with Bolivia is tied in with this price. About 170,000 tons of tin will be mined this year and consumption may not top 138,000 tons. The international tin study group says the surplus will grow in the next few years.

The tin that the reconstruction finance corporation buys is sold through the commerce department to American manufacturers of cans, solder and bearings. So far, the world surplus is no burden because we, and others, are putting it into strategic stockpiles.

The British want to keep the price of the Malayan tin high for the obvious reason that thereby they get more dollars to help them balance their dollar area trade books. They would do the same with rubber, probably, except that our large production of synthetic rubber forces down the price of natural rubber in Malaya.

Just before the war, tin brought 50 cents a pound. In 1932 it was only 21 cents. In those days, American consumers did their own buying, rather than through their government, but they dealt in large part with foreign cartels that kept a firm hand on production and prices of tin and rubber.

Congress has just passed, and the president signed, a renewal of U. S. government control over tin imports and the allocation of tin among domestic users for another 12 months. The government also controls the operation of the big tin smelter at Texas City, Texas.

The British and Bolivians insist the price of tin is not too high. They say mining costs have gone up—both labor and machinery is higher than prewar. A price cut, they argue, would mean a drop in production.

The American tinplate industry is no longer plagued by shortages—there is no longer any moaning by food packers about tin being allocated for beer cans.

This summer the food pack is likely to be smaller than last. This is due to fairly large inventories left over from last year's pack. To move this surplus, canners have trimmed prices. They now say they plan to pay farmers less this year, and to be more choosy in what they buy, since they plan to cut less.

The weather, however, could still play hob with their plans. In fact, the drought in the east already has restricted eastern canner activity and sent Californians scurrying to revise upward their quotas for vegetable paste this summer.

In the meantime, the housewife can benefit from the lower prices on canned goods. She can also tell herself that part of her food bill is a contribution to our foreign relief program through the maintenance of \$1.03 tin.



GET LICENSE—Crooner Dick Haymes and Nora Eddington Flynn, each recently divorced, seem to be enjoying the procedure as they take out a marriage license in Santa Monica, Calif. Haymes was formerly married to Actress Joanne Dru; Nora to Errol Flynn.

Girl Scouts Hold Party For Leaders

MALIN, July 15—A registration party for the local Girl Scout leaders was held July 9 at the home of Mrs. Theresa McComb. Ella Redkey, executive Girl Scout director of Klamath Falls, was present and registered the following leaders: Mrs. Elsie Roberts, Mrs. Ted De Merritt, Mrs. John Freitag, Mrs. Vac Kalina, Mrs. Ben Griffith, Mrs. Leonard Patrick, Mrs. K. Mack and Mrs. Joe Lahoda.

Plans were formulated for the establishment of an annual day camp for both the Girl and Boy Scouts. This year the day camp will be held at the camp above the Malin park from 9 a. m. till 3 p. m. on July 27, 28, 29 and August 3, 4 and 5.

All Brownies and Intermediate Girl Scouts are urged to register before Saturday, July 16. Registration fee has been set at \$1.

An urgent appeal is made by the leaders to any adult interested in Scout work to help in the supervision of the camp. Volunteers may contact Mrs. Elsie Roberts.

To date, Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. McComb have registered 22 girls for the day camp.

Swim Rules For Tulelake Students Set

TULELAKE, July 15—Regulations and the schedule for Tulelake students and the schedule for Tulelake students who are using the Malin swimming pool were announced today by Mrs. Laura Barr, chaperone.

The pool is closed to students except at the time of classes for a four-week period starting next Monday. Tulelake boys and girls who will take lessons will swim Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings.

Boys will leave the grade school grounds starting next Tuesday, July 19, at 9:15; girls at 10:10 the same day.

Mrs. Barr stated that arrival 10 minutes ahead of schedule will speed up roll call. Also, if those who plan to take the entire course of 12 lessons will bring the full price of 10 cents per lesson, or \$1.20 at the time lessons start, that will also eliminate delays.

George Kurik, driver of the school bus last year will handle transportation.

About 100 students are registered for classes.

The pool will be open to the public daily from 3:15 to 9 p. m., from noon to 9 p. m. Saturday and all day Sunday.

Fine Failure Jails Driver

Irvin Stephen Smith, 36, of Sacramento, was committed to the county jail this morning unable to pay a \$50 fine assessed on a charge of failing to drive on the right side of the highway.

Smith pleaded guilty in justice court. He was arrested Thursday morning following an accident on highway 66 near Keno.

Motorist Saves Cafe From Fire

CHILOQUIN, July 15—Passing motorists on highway 97 west of Chiloquin last night were responsible for saving Melita's cafe and a service station owned by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hall from a fire which might have wiped out both.

Tourists noticed flames in the tower of the building shortly before midnight and awoke the Halls, whose residence adjoins the business structure.

Only minor damage was done to the main section of the building. The Halls manned a hose to extinguish the blaze. The Chiloquin fire truck arrived to assist in case the fire might spread to nearby timber which extends into town.

Postmasters Name State Officers

COOS BAY, July 15 (AP)—The State Postmasters association elected Mrs. Dora Howard, Hauser, president yesterday. Bend was named for the 1950 convention.

Albert G. Gragg, Salem, was named first vice president; Marvin Hawkins, Coquille, second vice president; W. W. Woody, Corvallis, third vice president; Dorothy Elliott, Florence, fourth vice president; Margaret M. Corpening, Cascade Locks, secretary-treasurer.

Condon Fire Cost Set At \$25,000

CONDON, July 15 (AP)—Loss was estimated at \$25,000 today from a fire that swept through one building and damaged two others here yesterday.

The blaze broke out in the back room of the City Cleaners. It destroyed the cleaning establishment then spread to the Jamieson and Marshall plumbing plant and the West City rooming house. The flames were controlled in a half-hour.

Atom Talk Lid Makes Senator Mad

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pointed strongly toward some development in the atomic weapons field on an international level.

The New York Times said the meeting dealt with the question of giving to Great Britain technical information on the production of atomic bombs.

No Decisions

It was leaked later, however, the newspaper added, that no decisions were made during the session unless the president came to some determination that he did not disclose.

Any decision to give information to Britain would require an act of congress before it could be carried out. Present law forbids disclosure of atomic information to other countries.

Facts Listed

Both the areas of speculation—and the mystery—were enhanced by an accumulating number of facts, none of which supplied any definitive answers. Among them:

1. That the conference itself was never announced officially, but only acknowledged by Mr. Truman at his press conference after the news already had seeped out.

2. That the conference was held in the evening at Blair house, instead of during the day at the White House.

3. That the White House imposed a "no pictures" ban and the White House press office declared there was no statement to be forthcoming.

4. That the usual jovial Vice President Barkley was grim-faced, and Senator Tydings was cryptic to an unusual extent.

5. That, as it was disclosed eventually, there was a "gentlemen's agreement" that no one but the president would say anything.

Good Potato Market Seen

ONTARIO, July 15 (AP)—A good potato market this summer was predicted today by shippers here.

Inspector E. H. Stansbery reported 91 cars shipped from Malheur county this week, and predicted that total season shipments would outnumber last year's 3765 cars. One firm has sent out as many potatoes already as it did during the entire year of 1948.

Government Ready To Aid Farmers Build Homes, Or Acquire Land, Sometimes

WASHINGTON, July 15 (AP)—Farmers who need money help in getting better homes or even a little more land can obtain it—if they're approved—through the government's new housing program.

No one, though, can get any of the help unless he can't raise the money in any other ways, such as a bank loan.

The program will give two kinds of help: loans, which have to be paid back within 33 years at four per cent interest; and grants which are outright gifts of government money.

The grants can't total more than \$25,000,000. Since the program is to run for only four years, all the loans and grants have to be arranged for within these next four years.

The program does not set a limit on how much any one farmer can receive. The government will have to decide that in each individual case, based on the individual's ability to pay back.

This is the thinking behind the program, as outlined by the congressmen who approved it.

Nearly one-third of farm families don't receive sufficient income from farming to pay for needed improvements to their houses and other buildings necessary to make their farming successful.

This is a brief explanation of who can get the government help, and for what, provided, as mentioned above, he can't get the help from any private source, like a bank:

1. A loan to build or repair a house or barn. If you're one of those able to make a living off your farm, you'll have to pay back on the interest and principal every year for 33 years.
2. If you're a farmer whose farm is not big enough to support you and your family, you can get a loan to buy more land and, if you need to build or repair a house or barn, you can get a loan for that, too.
3. In the case of No. 2—because this farmer has tougher going than the farmer in No. 1—the government will let you skip the interest and one-half the principal for the first five years of the 33 years in which you have to pay back.
4. The government will give grants, or outright money gifts, to help poor farmers in emergency situations. This money is not for any new building but as roofing to keep out the rain, screens to keep out flies, and so on.
5. No. 3 is intended only for farmers in a bad fix, with the idea that needed repairs will give them some kind of livable homes until they're able to find better ones.

If all this means you, you start by filling an application with the nearest county supervisor—a government agent—who is employed by the federal farmers home administration (FHA).

The FHA has an office, meaning a supervisor, in 1500 of the nation's 3000 counties. The offices usually are at a county seat.

Then the supervisor turns the application over to a local committee, which does work for the FHA, in every county.

This committee will examine the application and decide whether you really need the kind of help you're asking for under the new program.

If it finds you do, and that you can't get help from private sources, it can recommend to the FHA that you get the help. FHA must follow the committee's recommendations.

(The FHA runs the farmers' part of the new housing program. The public housing administration and public housing part of it.)

Note: This Congress has a special program outlined here, and how much money should be spent. It has not yet voted the money for it. That comes later.

Merrill Kids To Get Swim Instruction

MERRILL, July 15—Merrill youngsters yearning to start swimming lessons will get their wish next Monday, the first day they may take instruction at the Malin pool.

Merrill children will swim Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings. Tulelake children will take lessons Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings, and the pool will be open for Malin youngsters every afternoon from 1 to 3 p. m. Monday through Friday.

The pool will be open to the public from 3:15 to 9 p. m. weekdays, from noon to 9 p. m. Saturdays, and all day Sunday.

Instruction for Merrill children includes a series of 12 lessons, and a school bus will furnish transportation.

Flying Farmers Visit Stampede

CALGARY, Alberta, July 15 (CP)—A group of 54 "Flying Farmers" from Idaho roared over Calgary from Idaho for a two-day visit to the Calgary stampede.

Flying in 19 aircraft led by Chet Moulton of Boise, Idaho, the group made a leisurely trip here, leaving Boise July 11 and making several stops en route. Their total flying time since leaving Boise was only three hours and 45 minutes.

Maybe Justice Was Too Quick

BANGKOK (AP)—The bamboo sounded the chief's alarm: beware of bandits in the district. Nai Ron and Nai Rai, two residents, hastened to report to the village chief as called for by regulations.

Police arrived and arrested the two young men. Then they took them out and shot them to death without trial. Nai Phan Nariow, the two youths' father, is complaining to his representative in parliament.

The American Museum of Natural History, New York, houses the largest study collection of birds in the world, numbering 750,000 specimens.

Youngster Better After Eye Surgery

Young Dennis Flemming is doing nicely today following emergency surgery for removal of glass from his eye at Hillside hospital Thursday afternoon.

The 2½-year-old boy apparently fell on some broken glass and was brought to Klamath Falls from his home in Dorris, Calif., by his mother, Mrs. John Flemming.



TANK SITTER—Ray Julita (left) had his first visitor, Supervisor Byron Newland (right), after more than 24 hours atop the 130-foot water tower at the Lima, O., state hospital. Julita allowed Newland to climb up the tower to a 30-foot-high support where the two talked for half an hour. Newland, who had previously befriended Julita, unsuccessfully tried to get the defiant tower sitter to leave his perch. Julita descended from his perch 29 hours after he went up on receiving a telegram from Police Chief William Johnson of Warren, O., telling him his family was O. K. and wanted him to come down immediately.

Weed

Mr. and Mrs. W. Speer and baby, Sophia, of Redding, Calif., came up to spend the Fourth of July holiday with Mrs. Speer's father and brother, the Leonettes.

New Drama Complicated

BANGKOK (AP)—It's advisable to memorize the plot before exposing yourself to the new drama "Amorn Phimarn" which opened at the Charlern Theatrical theatre the other evening.

Beautiful Usa, the heroine, is simulating as the play opens. Langkhay, a robber sees her beauty and falls in love. She accepts his love. Usa and her father are arrested on suspicion of being accomplices of Langkhay, but King Subbhayan releases them because he falls in love with Usa himself. He even marries Usa.

Langkhay can't be captured and a contest is held to determine who is the best man to go out and get him. Mathis, a handsome officer wins. Usa now falls in love with Mathis.

Mathis however, loves Tulya. Tulya is the only daughter of King Subbhayan. She, in turn, is engaged to Hemahark, a prince living in another city. Langkhay steals Usa from the king and hides her in a secret den. Hiding in the same den are Mathis and the lovely Tulya. Langkhay cuts off Mathis' head and carries it to the king. Meanwhile, Tulya married Hemahark, the man she was supposed to marry. Langkhay is arrested and beheaded. Usa now becomes insane and as the sun sets on the tragic drama, Usa is nervously fondling Mathis' head.

and Mrs. Lester Yost, Mr. and Mrs. Yost and Bobby are now on a trip to New Mexico, where they are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keller and son Larry in Santa Fe. Mrs. Keller is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yost.

Ruth Niewonger is visiting with her uncle and family in Stockton.

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